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SUBJECT: FIRST ANNIVERSARY ANNEXATION SPANISH SAHARA BY MAURITANIA

PASSES WITHOUT POLISARIO INCIDENT

REF: (A) NOUAKCHOTT 362(NOTAL), (B) NOUAKCHOTT 370

FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF "REUNIFICATION" OF SOUTHERN ONE-THIRD OF FORMER SPANISH SAHARA AND MAURITANIA (FEBRUARY 26) WAS MARKED BY CELEBRATIONS AND FESTIVITIES THROUGHOUT COUNTRY. ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITIES INCLUDED PARTY RALLIES, SOCIAL GATHERINGS AND SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE EDITION OF GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED DAILY NEWSPAPER. PARTICIPANTS IN NOUAKCHOTT PARTY MEETING WERE TREATED TO SPEECHES BY THREE MEMBERS OF NATIONAL POLITICAL BUREAU. DIPLOMATIC CORPS WAS ULTIMATELY NOT RPT NOT INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF CELEBRATIONS (REF A). POLISARIO DID NOT RPT NOT CHOOSE TO CELEBRATE "REUNIFICATION" ANNIVERSARY IN ITS OWN WAY; ACCORDING TO GIRM VICE CHIEF STAFF, THERE WERE CONFIDENTIAL

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NO POLISARIO MILITARY OF PROPAGANDA INCIDENTS ANYWHERE IN MAURITANIA FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY (REF B). WHILE NUMBERS OF GIRM ARMED AND SECURITY FORCES AROUND NOUAKCHOTT WERE VISIBLY INCREASED IN ANTICIPATION OF ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND, ACTUAL STATE OF ALERT WAS ONLY SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN USUAL--ON ROUTE TO AKJOUJT EARLY SATURDAY MORNING, PRIVATE AMERICAN AND HIS MAURITANIAN TRAVELING COMPANION FOUND THEY HAD TO WAKE UP

TROOPERS AT HIGHWAY CHECKPOINT; SUNDAY EVENING, NOUAK-CHOTT WHARF AND ADJACENT POL TANK FARM WERE VIRTUALLY DESERTED WITH NO SECURITY PERSONNEL ANYWHERE IN SIGHT. HANDYSIDE

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